

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/815,800

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amdt. filed 11/10/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6,9,10,12 and 25-41.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 11/10/05&11/18/05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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Reasons for allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention is drawn to a current driver integrated on a semiconductor chip utilizing first – third current distribution MISFETs, first – second current input MISFETs, a plurality of current supply sections, a first current output terminal, first – second current input terminals, an additional current distribution MISFET, first – sixth cascade MISFETs, first – second gate bias lines recited in claims 1-6, 9-10, 12, 25-41. None of the prior art disclosed or suggested to show the particular structure and/or the particular operation recited in these claims namely: **“the second current input MISFET”** and **“the second – third current distribution MISFETs”** in combination with **“the first current distribution MISFET”**, **“the first current input MISFET”** and **“the plurality of current supply sections”** as recited in claims 1 and 25; **“the second current input MISFET”** and **“the first – second current distribution MISFETs”** in combination with **“the first current input MISFET”** and **“the plurality of current supply sections”** as recited in claims 9 and 33; **“the second current input MISFET”** and **“the second current input terminal”** in combination with **“the first current input terminal”** and **“the first current input MISFET”** as recited in claims 10 and 36; **“the second current input MISFET”**, **“the second – third current distribution MISFETs”** in combination with **“the first current input MISFET”**, **“the plurality of current supply section”**, **“the current output MISFET”** and **“the first current distribution MISFET”** as recited in claims 12 and 39.

The prior art references submitted by the applicant on IDS forms received on 11/10/05 and 11/18/05 were reviewed and considered. These references appear to be

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the best references with respect to the claimed invention and closely matched most of the references found during the examiner's searches. However, as noted above, the combination of all elements is not disclosed. Therefore, the claims are patentably distinct over all these prior art references of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to My-Trang N. Ton whose telephone number is 571-272-1754. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 a.m - 5:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Callahan can be reached on 571-272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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